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SUBJECT: GOJ OFFERS PRELIMINARY SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN
SECURITY FORCES TRAINING

Classified By: Ambassador David Hale for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (S) The Ambassador and U.S. Security Coordinator Lt. General Dayton met with the General Intelligence Directorate (GID) chief Mohammad Dahabi October 1 to discuss plans for training 700 Palestinian National Security Forces in Jordan, scheduled to begin in late January 2008. Dahabi made it clear that Jordan welcomed this mission, and agreed that a way would need to be found to pay for training weapons and ammunition - something that the USG could not do. It was also agreed that the Jordanian side and an INL/USSC team would commence negotiations on training agreement details after the end of Ramadan and 'Id al-Fitr.

¶2. (S) Dahabi identified one of his senior officials as a point of contact to meet on October 2 with an INL/USSC team which will conduct further detailed discussions with GID and the Public Security Directorate (PSD), followed by potential training site visits. Dahabi indicated that the lead counterpart on this training would be the PSD. The likely training site suggested by Dahabi would be the Jordan International Police Training Center (JIPTC) run by the PSD, Jordan's national police.

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